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CAIRO PASS SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY

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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S TRIP - MEDIA REACTION

REF: DAMASCUS 1198

1. SECRETARY SIMON DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE COMMENT SUCH AS THAT CARRIED BY AFP AND QUOTED IN AL-BAATH, AND IN NO INSTANCE ADDRESSED QUESTION OF INVESTMENT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. IN HIS SPEECH AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY MARCH 2, SECRETARY DID SAY "...ONE ANSWER TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS LIES IN INCREASING CAPITAL INVESTMENT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE INVESTMENT

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OF OUR PRIVATE COMPANIES AND TO HELP IMPROVE THE

CLIMATE FOR INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL". SECRETARY ALSO STATED REPEATEDLY IN ISRAEL THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE WOULD FACILITATE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN MID-EAST AREA.

3. FYI: IN SECRETARY SIMON'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BAR-LEV, GOI RAISED POSSIBILITY OF EXIM BANK FINANCING OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INDUSTRIAL PARKS. BAR-LEV WAS TOLD THAT MATTER WOULD BE REVIEWED WITH EXIM IN WASHINGTON. BAR-LEV ALSO DISCUSSED GOI'S PROPOSED INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT AREAS. AMBASSADOR TOON SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ITERATED TO BAR-LEV LONGSTANDING U.S. POLICY THAT NO U.S. GOVERNMENT FINANCING COULD BE USED IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BAR-LEV AGREED.
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